

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Haiti

a. Duvalier has turned his militia and rough-neck squads (Ton Ton Macoutes) loose against recently dismissed military officers in reprisal for yesterday's events. Two bodyguards and a chauffeur were killed as they were taking Duvalier's children to school.

b. There have already been several revenge killings and late yesterday "machete-wielding" Haitians were roaming downtown Port-au-Prince and roadblocks were being put up.

c. Ambassador Thurston fears that what is left of an opposition nucleus will be wiped out within the next few days.

d. President Bosch charges, meanwhile, that the Dominican Embassy in Port-au-Prince was attacked by Haitian police yesterday. He says he is awaiting a full report and that "if the report is bad, very probably three or four Dominican airplanes will overfly the border."

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2. Laos

a. Souvanna is slated to resume talks with Souphannouvong in Khang Khay today.

b. Souvanna has taken public issue--though indirectly--with Soviet accusations of American intrigue in Laos, and says--with how much resolve we do not know--that he intends to take a hard line with Souphannouvong.

c. There are indications of a general rise in Communist military activity in central and southern Laos. Reacting to what appears to have been a probing attack by a Pathet Lao battalion against a Lao army post south of Pha Lane on Route 9, Phoumi has sent in reinforcements and has retaken the position.

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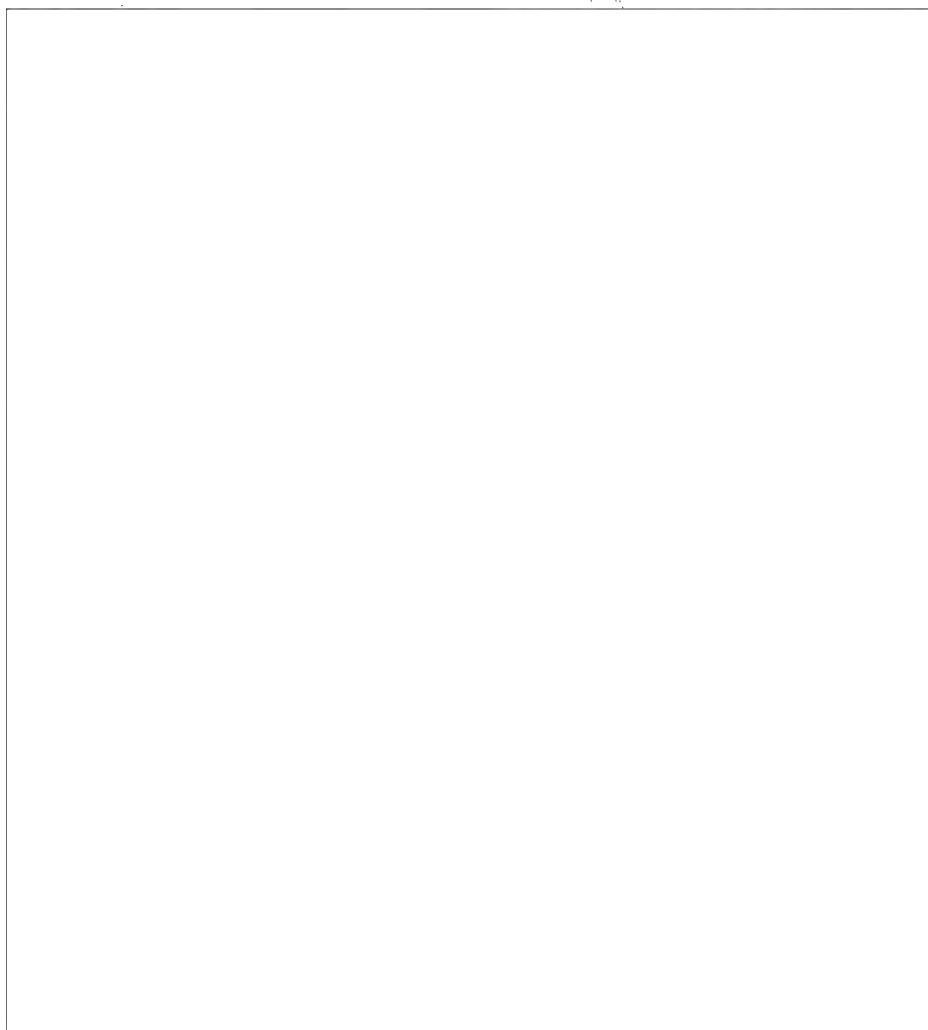


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3. Jordan



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4. Cuba

a. Fidel Castro has arrived in the Soviet Union to begin his visit.

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d. The Cuban Ministry of Armed Forces has been reorganized on lines closer to the Soviet pattern. Five vice-ministerial posts have been

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created, at least three of which are filled by men close to Castro and only one by an old-line Communist.

e. [redacted]

[redacted] as a [redacted] security measure, members of the Cuban militia and public defense forces were receiving new identification cards. Anyone found in uniform without proper identification is to be arrested,

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g. The Soviet ship Transbalt, which passed through the Turkish Straits last Monday, has the identifying marks of an arms carrier. It may be bound either for Casablanca, for which it declared, or Cuba.

h. [redacted]

[redacted] no evidence of significant change at the Soviet military installations. All five major encampments were covered.

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5. Malaysia

a. U Thant's Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan is attempting to sell a formula giving the new federation administrative control over the Borneo territories pending a plebiscite to be held within two years under the UN.

b. The Philippines have apparently bought it, and Sukarno might see in it the possibility that he could make the vote go his way. For just this reason the British and Malaya will probably be opposed.

6. Cuban exiles



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b. The Cuban version of the raid broadcast from Havana last evening agrees in all essentials with the account given in Washington yesterday

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c. Havana's statement came about a full day after the time it cites for the incident and nearly 12 hours after the story was reported in the US. The most likely

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explanation for this curious delay is embarrassment because the plane got through unmolested or pre-occupation with preparations for Castro's departure for Moscow. It is not impossible, however, that the whole thing was a hoax which the Cubans have knowingly decided to go along with for their own purposes.

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7. Yemen

a. U Thant now has formal acceptance of the disengagement plan from the UAR, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. He is ordering General Von Horn to the border zone as his representative to look into procedures for verification.

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NOTES

- A. Brazil Pro-Communist Miguel Arreas, governor of Pernambuco state in the northeast, is reliably quoted as saying recently that "We can socialize Brazil and then detach it from the West without the Americans becoming hysterical, without their waking up to the fact, and without their intervening militarily, if we do it slowly, gradually and quietly." The US Consul in Recife has reported his alarm at the pace of Communist activity in Pernambuco.
- B. Sino-Soviet relations The Chinese Communists are organizing a systematic effort to cultivate anti-Soviet sentiment in [redacted] Western Communist parties [redacted]
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- D. Colombia President Valencia's government, whose failure to come to grips with the country's economy has resulted in a steady loss of public confidence, is facing new troubles. A Communist-led strike has halted field operations at Colombia's largest petroleum producer (US-owned) [redacted]

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E. Brazil-Argentina [REDACTED]

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the Brazilians are now putting their traditional diplomatic contest with Argentina for leadership in Latin America in ideological terms, with Brazil as the champion of a neutralist camp.